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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: CORONA Performance Evaluation Team (PET)

Purpose. To conduct an immediate technical evaluation of CORONA mission take, assess importance of discrepancies noted by exploitation agencies, determine if remedial action is necessary, initiate and monitor such action. Emphasis is placed on the importance of PET activities to the next-scheduled CORONA mission. Primarily, the PET will direct its attention to those discrepancies noted in the NPIC [ ] report from the processing site.

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Scope. PET activities encompass any and all elements of the system that can produce deleterious manifestations on the film record. System failures so catastrophic in nature that no film record is produced, except those that directly involve the photographic subsystem, do not fall within the purview of PET.

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Team Members. The PET is made up of participants from Project Headquarters; Resident, Office of Advanced Projects; [ ] NPIC; the integrating contractor (IMSC); the film manufacturer and processor (EK); and the camera manufacturer (ITEK). As the need arises, representatives from the recovery vehicle manufacturer (GE) and members of the Advanced Projects technical staff are called upon. The moderator of PET activities is the Project Headquarters member.

Schedule. The PET assembles at NPIC immediately ~~if~~ the mission material is available at that location for inspection. This implies that PET will nominally meet once each CORONA mission. Notification of NPIC readiness to receive PET originates at NPIC [ ] after telephone coordination with the Project Headquarters PET chairman.

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Reporting. The PET findings and action item assignments are recorded in a Performance Evaluation Interim Report (PEIR) which is disseminated by TWX to all interested agencies. When necessary to take action without delay, a certain amount of telephone reporting is done. After the PEIR is out and immediate action items are under way,

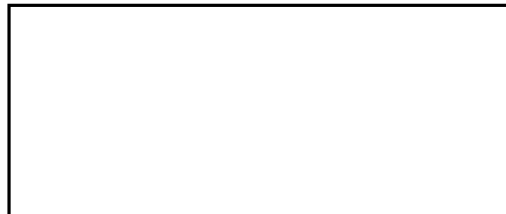
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the integrating contractor (IMSC) proceeds at a more leisurely pace to prepare and disseminate the final Performance Evaluation Report (PER). The PER is mostly of historical significance, putting together in one document the story of a mission. In no case is necessary action nor necessary dissemination of vital information forced to await publication of the PER.

Action Items. Action items are assigned to the appropriate agency as they are developed in PET meetings and are recorded in the PEIR. A monitor or monitors from PET membership is assigned by name to each action item. It is the responsibility of the monitor to follow the action to resolution and report status as required. The integrating contractor maintains a running log of the serially numbered items and a periodic status report is made by TWX or letter to PET members.



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